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Letter dated 7 June 1967 from the Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

A letter dated 17 May 1967 and addressed to the representative of the USSR as co-Chairman of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament has been received from the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Mr. André de Blonay, together with an appeal by the Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in support of the conclusion of a treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

I request you to arrange for the aforesaid appeal to be circulated by the Secretariat of the Committee as an official document of the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament.

(signed) A. ROSHCHIN
Representative of the USSR in the
Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament.

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Geneva, 17 May 1967

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to bring to your attention an appeal which the Inter-Parliamentary Council adopted, at its hundredth session, held in Palma de Mallorca on April 1 and 2, for the early conclusion of a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Representatives of fifty-five Parliaments from all parts of the world were present on this occasion.

It is hoped that it will be possible for you to arrange to have the text of the Council Decision brought directly to the notice of all Members of the Eighteen-Nation Disarmament Committee.

André DE BLONAY
Secretary General

APPEAL IN SUPPORT OF THE CONCLUSION OF A TREATY TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The Inter-Parliamentary Council,

Referring to point 3 of the resolution on "Methods of strengthening Regional Security in Conformity with the United Nations Charter", which was adopted unanimously by the 55th Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Teheran,

Recalling UN General Assembly Resolution 2028/XX, of November 19, 1965, Resolution 2149/XXI, of November 4, 1966, and Resolution 2153/XXI, of November 17, 1966, concerning the conclusion of a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons,

Considering that the absence of an international treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons incurs the risk of an increase in the number of States possessing nuclear weapons and in stocks of nuclear weapons, as well as their proliferation, and, consequently, is the source of an aggravation of international tension, constitutes a threat to world peace and increases the danger of a nuclear war,

Recalling the duty of Parliaments and Governments of all States to contribute towards the creation of favourable conditions for the conclusion of disarmament agreements,

Convinced that an international treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons would be a step forward in strengthening security and peace, and achieving general and particularly nuclear disarmament,

Urgently appeals to all Parliaments and Governments :

1. to use their influence and take the necessary measures to facilitate and accelerate the conclusion of a treaty to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons which would be acceptable to all States;
2. to refrain, until the conclusion of such a treaty, from any action liable to render its conclusion more difficult or which could lead to the proliferation of nuclear weapons throughout the world;
3. to use their influence towards achieving general and particularly nuclear disarmament.